

Building Permit Submission Requirements for Green Homes Program

On June 26, 2008, Council approved amendments to the Vancouver Building By-law (By-law #9691) to promote energy efficient design and construction practices in one and two-family dwellings. The By-law collectively known as the Green Homes Program was enacted on September 5, 2008. The purpose of this document is to clarify the submission requirements with regards to the Green Homes Program.

COMPONENT	INDICATED ON PLANS	NOTATION ONLY
Building Envelope Performance		
Wall Insulation (Above & Below Ground)	X	
Under slab insulation	X	
Window Performance		X
Energy Efficiency		
40% hard wired non-incandescent, non-halogen light fixtures		X
In-home Energy Display Unit	X	
Natural Gas Fireplace - Direct Vent	X	
Natural Gas Fireplace - electronic ignition		X
Hot Water Tank insulation		X
Hot Water Piping insulation		X
In Building Water Efficiency		
Dual Flush Toilets		X
Indoor Environmental Quality		
Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV)	X	
Infrastructure/Data Collection		
Pre-pipe for roof-mounted solar energy generation	X	
Pre-wire (outlet box) for electric vehicles	X	
EnerGuide Rating Service Audit Report	Required prior to final inspection	

For further information on the Green Homes Program please refer to the Green Homes website at <http://vancouver.ca/greenhomes>